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TO: Regulatory Reform, Rep. Bert Johnson, Chair

SUBJECT: HB 4575 Construction Code, Adoption of Green building  
Codes Allow by Government Subdivisions

Dear Mr. Chairman:

Our association is deeply concerned about HB 4575, introduced by Reps. Ebli, Roberts, Kennedy, Valentine and Meadows and referred to the Committee on Regulatory Reform. Among other things we believe the legislation would destroy the sections of the Construction Code Act which provide uniformity of codes throughout the state.

As you may know, in Michigan, the Bureau of Construction Codes updates the building, residential, electric, plumbing and mechanical codes on a three-year cycle. The Bureau takes the specific codes from the International Code Council and then develops Michigan amendments using a series of ad hoc committees. These committees are made up of contractors, inspectors, organized labor, and other interested parties. The system works and has been in place since 1972. At the present time all communities, townships and counties must adopt state-approved codes.

Section 4. (2) of the bill destroys the states ability to develop codes that everyone must enforce.

We ask you to please oppose HB 4575.

Yours very truly,

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